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QUESTIONS CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITIES OF PSB UNDER NSC 10/5.

I. What is the relationship between the responsibilities of PSB under NSC 10/5 and those of the Director of Central Intelligence under 10/2?

A. Does the responsibility of PSB under 10/5 for "...determining the desirability..... of covert programs and major projects..." repeal, or modify in any way, the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence under 10/2 for "ensuring, through designated representatives of the Secretary of State and of the Secretary of Defense, that covert operations are planned and conducted in a manner consistent with U. S. foreign and military policies and with overt activities"?

B. If 10/2 is not modified or repealed, should 10/2 and 10/5 be interpreted jointly to include in or exclude from the responsibility of PSB the determination whether or not programs or major projects are "consistent with U. S. foreign and military policies and with overt activities"?

II. One responsibility with which PSB is charged under NSC 10/5 is "...determining the desirability..... of covert programs and major projects..."

A. What is meant by the phrase "determining the desirability"?

1. Does it mean one or more of the following:

a. the desirability of the national policies?

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- b. the desirability of each 10/5 program and major project as a means of furthering the national policies?
- c. the desirability of each 10/5 program as a means of realizing the objectives stated in NSC 10/5?
- d. the desirability of conducting each 10/5 covert program covertly?

III. A second responsibility with which PSB is charged under 10/5 is "...determining the feasibility of covert programs and major projects..."

A. What is meant by the phrase "determining the feasibility"?

- 1. Does it include one or more of the following:
 - a. accessibility of the target, now or later?
 - b. technical ability to achieve the objective, now or later?
 - c. moral, legal, psychological or other considerations?
- 2. Does technical ability include man, money, materiel, and facilities that are:
 - a. now available under CIA jurisdiction?
 - b. now procurable by CIA under present authorization and budget?
 - c. now available to the U. S. Government but not now procurable by CIA?
 - d. in existence but not now under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Government?

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e. not now in existence but probably capable of being developed?

IV. A third responsibility with which PSB is charged under 10/5 is "....establishing the scope, pace and timing of covert operations, and the allocation of priorities among these operations".

A. Does this responsibility require the formulation of a national covert strategy by PSB, which would include, for example, the distribution of the over-all covert effort both

1. geographically, and
2. functionally?

B. Does the formulation of a national covert strategy by PSB require prior formulation of a "national psychological strategy" by PSB?

C. If the answer to question IV A is "Yes", then should PSB endorse the CIA/OPC Strategic Plan as the interim covert strategy pending the formulation by PSB of a national covert strategy?

V. In order that PSB may discharge its responsibilities under 10/5, are certain interpretations required of key phrases in policy directives, e.g.,

A. Does "...retraction and reduction of the Soviet power and influence to limits which no longer constitute a threat to U. S. security" include or exclude liberation, either of those now within the Soviet orbit, or of others?

B. What does the phrase "...risk of war..." mean?

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